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NEWSPAPERS:

1. WASHPOST (LIPPMAN) FULL TEXT SENT SEPTTEL BY PA.
2. NYTIMES (GWERTZMAN) - FRONT PAGE PIECE EXAMINES US
CONCERN OVER PAKISTANI PLANS TO CONSTRUCT A FRENCH-DESIGNED
REPROCESSING PLANT. REPORTERS ON PLANE WERE TOLD THAT PLANS
HAD NO ECONOMIC JUSTIFICATION AND MIGHT RAISE CONCERN ABOUT
INTENTIONS TO EXPLODE A-BOMB.

US IS REPORTEDLY READY TO HOLD BACK PLANE SALES AND EVEN
ECONOMIC AID WITH MOOD IN CONGRESS AGAINST REPROCESSING
WITHOUT CONTROLS.

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AT DINNER KISSINGER AND BHUTTO EXCHANGED POINTED BUT HUMEROUS BARBS. MAIN TOPIC OF CONVERSATION WAS DESTRUCTIVE FLOODS.

AFTER IRANIAN VISIT KISSINGERSPENT SEVERAL HOURS IN KABUL

TALKING WITH DAOUD WHO HAS BEEN SEEKING TO WIDEN TIES WITH US TO BALANCE STRONG SOVIET INFLUENCE. DAOUD HAD ASKED FOR A HIGH-RANKING AMERICAN TO MAKE A SYMBOLIC VISIT, REPORTERS WERE TOLD.

ACCORDING TO KISSINGER, SHAH HAS ACCEPTED MULTINATIONAL REPROCESSING WITH US GUARANTEE OF SUPPLY. US WOULD LIKE PAKISTAN TO DO SAME.

3. WALL STREET JOURNAL (KEATLEY) - "US HAS STRENGTHENED ITS PROMISE TO SUPPLY IRAN THE GUNS AND GOODS IT NEEDS TO ENFORCE POLITICAL STABILITY IN THE PERSIAN GULF" DESPITE STRONG SENATE CRITICISM OF THAT POLICY.

JOINT COMMUNIQUE AFFIRMED HOPE TO INCREASE TRADE TO \$40 BILLION OVER NEXT SIX YEARS, EXCLUDING MILITARY SALES. KISSINGER AND SHAH ALSO MADE "SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS." ON CLOSING DEAL FOR NUCLEAR PLANTS WITH US REIMBURSING IRAN FOR COSTS OF CONTROLLED FUEL REPROCESSING. SALE COULD ADD ANOTHER \$10 BILLION TO TRADE TOTAL.

OIL FOR WEAPONS BARTER WOULD REQUIRE SOME SORT OF OIL PRICE SHAVING. IRANIANS WANT TO INCREASE SALES TO FILL CURRENT DEFICIT.

IN AFGHANISTAN DAOUD IS HAVING SECOND THOUGHTS ABOUT SOVIETS. HE HAS BEEN WEEDING RUSSIAN-TRAINED OFFICER CORPS FOR POLITICAL REASONS AND WANTED KISSINGER TO VISIT TO SHOW MOSCOW HIS COUNTRY IS NON-ALIGNED. KISSINGER THINKS THIS MISSION WAS SUCCESSFUL.

BUT IN LAHORE KISSINGER WILL FACE ANOTHER NUCLEAR REPROCESSING PROBLEM. US WANTS PROPOSAL DEAL KILLED AND MAY WITHOLD SALES. KISSINGER WILL EXPLAIN HOW PENDING LEGISLATION COULD HALT ALL AID.

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4. BOSTON GLOBE (BEECHER) - SUNDAY'S EDITION FRONT PAGE: IT HAS BEEN LEARNED ANSARY WILL GO TO LONDON TUESDAY TO NEGOTIATE 10 YEAR, \$13 BILLION DEAL TO BARTER OIL FOR ARMS WITH NEW ENGLAND PETROLEUM, ASHLAND, GENERAL DYNAMICS AND LITTON. US CONSORTIUM WOULD BUY 300,000 BARRELS PER DAY OSTENSIBLY AT MARKET PRICE BUT WITH CUT RATE FORMULA.

SHAH AND KISSINGER ARE KNOWN TO HAVE DISCUSSED IRAN'S SHOPPING LIST. WHILE US HAS NOT TURNED DOWN ANY REQUESTS, IT HAS WARNED THAT COMPLEX WEAPONS SYSTEMS WILL MEAN DIVERSION OF TRAINED MAINPOWER FROM OTHER PROJECTS.

THOUGH BOTH SHAH AND KISSINGER HAVE BEEN AT PAINS TO MINI-

MIZE ROLE OF DEFENSE CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL AND EVEN SUGGESTING REDUCTION OF SEVERAL THOUSAND IN A FEW YEARS, OTHER SOURCES IN WASHINGTON AND TEHRAN SEE ;ROWING SHORTAGE OF NATIVE WEAPONS TECHNICIANS. DESPITE DENIALS,ROLE OF US TECHNICIANS OFTEN INVOLVES MORE THAN TRAINING. THIRTY RETIRED USAF COLONELS ARE WORKING "JUST AS IF THEY WERE STAFF OFFICERS OF IMPERIAL IRANIAN AIR FORCE," ONE INFORMANT SAID. EMPLOYMENT OF RETIRED US MILITARY EXPECTED TO GROW AS IRANIAN MAINTENANCE PROBLEMS INCREASE.

WHILE IRAN GOT MOST OF REQUESTS UNDER NIXON ORDER, SOME WERE TURNED DOWN, INCLUDING ONE FOR 10 U-2S.

NOTHING THIS MORNING OR OVER THE WEEKEND FROM TRAVELLING BROADCASTERS.

OTHER TV/RADIO ITEMS OF POSSIBLE INTEREST:

1. STEVE BELL, ABC-TV GOOD MORNING AMERICA:

SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER IS IN PAKISTAN, MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER ALI BHUTTO. KISSINGER IS EXPECTED TO WARN ALI BHUTTO THAT IF PAKISTAN GOES AHEAD WITH A DEAL TO BUY NUCLEAR EQUIPMENT FROM FRANCE, THEN THE US MAY NOT SELL ARMS TO PAKISTAN. ...

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2. LAURA WALTERS, WTOP MORNING NEWS:

FROM LAHORE, PAKISTAN COMES WORD THAT SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER AND PAKISTAN'S PRIME MINISTER ALI BHUTTO HAVE TALKED NOW; THEY'VE TALKED FOR THREEE HOURS. BUT THEY HAVE FAILED TO AGREE ON PAKISTAN'S PLAN TO BUY FRENCH EQUIPMENT TO REPROCESS USED NUCLEAR FUEL. DR. KISSINGER REPORTEDLY TOLD BHUTTO THAT HE FACES LOSS OF AMERICAN AID AND ARMS SALES UNLESS BHUTTO AGREES TO SAFEGUARDS. THE SAFEGUARDS ARE TO PREVENT PAKISTAN FROM USING THE REPROCESSED MATERIALS TO BUILD NUCLEAR WEAPONS. BUT DR. KISSINGER SAYS THE US IS GIVING TWO HUNDRED TONS OF WHEAT TO PAKISTAN; THAT'S TO BE USED FOR THE AID TO FLOOD VICTIMS IN THE LAHORE, PAKISTAN AREA.

3. MARK HUFFMAN, WTOP MORNING NEWS:

SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER HAS REVEALED IN A LETTER THAT THERE IS A HIGH PROBABILITY THAT INDIA USED HEAVY WATER SUPPLIED BY THE UNITED STATES TO BUILD AN ATOMIC BOMB. KISSINGER'S COMMENTS CAME IN A LETTER MADE PUBLIC BY DEMOCRATIC SENATOR ABRAHAM RIBICOFF OF CONNECTICUT.

IN 1956 THE UNITED STATES DELIVERED 21 TONS OF HEAVY WATER TO INDIA, UNDER THE ATOMS FOR PEACE PROGRAM. THE MATERIAL WAS PROVIDED WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT IT ONLY BE USED FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES. RIBICOFF SAID HE'S DISTURBED BY INDICATIONS INDIA HAS MISUSED US NUCLEAR ASSISTANCE. INDIA JOINED THE NUCLEAR COMMUNITY IN 1974, WHEN IT SET OFF AN ATOMIC BLAST.

4. JIM BOHANNON, WTOP MORNING NEWS:

SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER HAS TALKS SCHEDULED TODAY WHICH COULD HAVE SOME IMPACT ON THAT ARMS BUDGET; THE TALKS ARE WITH PAKISTANI PRIME MINISTER ZULFIKAR ALI BHUTTO, THE LATEST HOST OF KISSINGER'S GLOBE-GIRDLING MISSION. ALI BHUTTO ISN'T JUST BROWSING THROUGH THE PENTAGON CATALOGUE, HE KNOWS EXACTLY WHAT HE WANTS: FIVE SQUADRONS OF AMERICAN A-7 FIGHTER-BOMBERS, WITH SIDEWINDER AIR-TO-AIR MISSILES. HOWEVER, THAT "SENIOR AMERICAN OFFICIAL" WHO UNCLASSIFIED

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TAGS ALONG WITH KISSINGER TELLS REPORTERS THAT PURCHASE COULD BE IN JEOPARDY BECAUSE OF A PAKISTANI PLAN TO BUY FRENCH EQUIPMENT FOR REPROCESSING NUCLEAR FUEL. AMERICAN LAW FORBIDS AID TO COUNTRIES THAT RECEIVE SUCH REPROCESSING PLANTS WITHOUT AGREEMENT TO PLACE THEM UNDER INTERNATIONAL CONTROL. THAT'S BECAUSE YOU CAN USE THOSE PLANTS TO MAKE THINGS BESIDES ELECTRICITY, THINGS LIKE ATOMIC BOMBS, WHICH IS WHAT THIS COUNTRY FIGURES PAKISTAN HAS IN MIND.

5. RICHARD ROTH, WTOP MORNING NEWS

PRAVDA SAID AMERICAN WEAPONS SALES TO THE PERSIAN GULF STATES ARE CREATING A DANGEROUS SEAT (SIC) OF TENSION, WORSENING THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST AT LARGE AND THEREATENING THE SECURITY OF INDIVIDUAL NATIONS IN THE REGION.

6. JACK ANDERSON, GOOD MORNING AMERICA:

TURNER SHELTON, OUR FORMER AMBASSADOR TO NICARAGUA, HAS FINALLY FOUND A HOME. HIS PERFORMANCE IN NICARAGUA WAS SO POOR THAT HE WAS REBUKED AND RECALLED BY THE STATE DEPART-

MENT. BUT HE HAD POWERFUL FRIENDS ON CAPITOL HILL. THEY TWISTED SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER'S ARM TO GIVE HIM ANOTHER JOB. SHELTON EVEN SHOWED UP AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO EXAMINE PICTURES OF AMBASSADORIAL RESIDENCES HE WOULD LIKE TO LIVE IN, BUT FIRST HE WAS APPOINTED AMBASSADOR TO THE BAHAMAS. BOTH THE US SENATE AND THE BAHAMAS GOVERNMENT TURNED HIM DOWN. THEN HE WAS NOMINATED CONSUL-GENERAL TO BERMUDA. AGAIN THE HOST GOVERNMENT REJECTED HIM. THEN HE WANGLED AN APPOINTMENT TO THE ROMANTIC

OLD MOROCCAN CITY OF CASABLANCA. ONCE MORE HE WAS DENIED THE JOB.

WELL, NOW IT LOOKS AS IF HE'S FOUND A SAFE HAVEN. I'VE JUST LEARNED THAT HE HAS BEEN ASSIGNED AS DIPLOMAT IN RESIDENCE AT THE NAVY WAR COLLEGE IN NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND. HIS DUTY WILL BE TO MAKE OCCASIONAL TALKS TO MILITARY CLASSES ON THE SUBJECT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. HE'LL HAVE NO OFFICIAL RESIDENCE, NO STAFF, NO RESPONSIBILITIES. BUT UNCLASSIFIED

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AT LEAST HE'LL HAVE A TITLE.

WIRES

1. AP (FREED) - AFTER THREE HOUR TALK, KISSINGER AND BHUTTO FAILED TO AGREE ON ISSUE OF PLANNED PURCHASE OF FRENCH REPROCESSING FACILITY. KISSINGER REPORTEDLY TOLD BHUTTO PAKISTAN FACES LOSS OF AID AND ARMS SALES. KISSINGER SAID ISSUES ARE COMPLICATED AND WILL BE DISCUSSED FURTHER WITHOUT PRESSURE OR BLACKMAIL.

US LAW REQUIRES AID CUTOFF TO NATION ACQUIRING REPROCESSING WITHOUT SAFEGUARDS. US OFFICIALS SUSPECT PAKISTANIS WANT TO MATCH INDIA'S A-BOMB. SENIOR OFFICIAL SAID SALE OF CORSAIRS WOULD BE HELD UP PENDING SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENTS. HOWEVER, KISSINGER ANNOUNCED 200 (SIC) TONS OF WHEAT IN FLOOD RELIEF.

2. UPI (NO BYLINE) - US WILL GIVE 200,000 TONS OF WHEAT TO FLOOD-RAVAGED PAKISTAN. KISSINGER EXPRESSED US SYMPATHY.

DURING TALKS KISSINGER WARNED PAKISTAN IT COULD LOSE ALL US MILITARY AND ECONOMIC AID IF IT BUYS FRENCH REPROCESSING PLANT.

3. REUTER (NO BYLINE) - KISSINGER ANNOUNCES FLOOD RELIEF, AS ABOVE.

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